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Testing Window Completion

The Smarter Balanced testing window closes today, June 12, 2015. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) would like to thank all Connecticut public school staff who participated in the first administration of the Smarter Balanced assessments.

Reminders:

The Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments also close today and will be available again in the fall of 2015. TIDE users may continue to view the interim assessments using the Assessment Viewing Application (AVA).

Information about the release of assessment results including dates is located on page 1 of the memorandum sent by Commissioner Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell about Data Collection and Reporting Updates/Reminders.

2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment Surveys

The CSDE appreciates feedback from district staff involved in the administration of the 2015 Smarter Balanced assessments. Three unique surveys are available to District Test Coordinators, Test Administrators/Teachers and Technology Coordinators. This feedback will be used to help the CSDE prepare and improve the administration of the assessments in 2016. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and share with appropriate colleagues.

District Test Coordinators Survey:
https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRTHr9VwUZB3OZL

Test Administrator/Teachers Survey:
https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Ym0VMXGvmMMhY9

Technology Coordinators Survey:
https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0pL9vnuqlMSVEIR
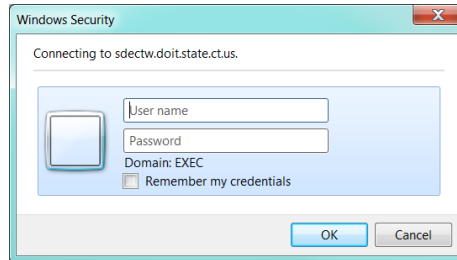
Test Security Incident Log Secure Upload Instructions

As noted previously in the *Student Assessment News*, all test security incidents should have been documented in a Test Security Incident Log to be provided to the CSDE at the end of testing. In addition, test security incidents that required specific actions to be taken regarding the test itself should have been escalated via the Appeals system in TIDE. **Districts should upload only ONE Test Security Incident Log containing information for all schools**.

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Instructions to Upload the District Test Security Incident Log:

1. Go to https://www.csde.state.ct.us/districts/secureupload/

2. Enter the same user name and password your district/school uses to access other legacy CSDE applications such as PSIS and ED166. Contact Carla Ghostlaw at 860-713-6741 if assistance is needed.

3. After logging in, you will see the "Secure Upload" form. Complete the fields as follows:
   - **FIELD NAME: File Category**: Other
   - **FIELD NAME: Select File for Upload**: Click "Browse" to locate the file to upload. Then click "Open."
   - **FIELD NAME: E-mail Address**: Enter the e-mail address as abe.krisst@ct.gov.
   - **FIELD NAME: Message to be sent to recipient**: No message is necessary.

4. Click on "Upload." The following screen will be displayed when the upload is complete:

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CMT and CAPT Science: Student Demographic Data Verification

The 2015 CMT and CAPT Science Student Demographic Data Verification (SDDV) system was re-opened this past Wednesday. Changes made by District Test Coordinators (DTCs) prior to the site being shut down have been preserved in SDDV. All demographic data corrections must be completed by **11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16** when the SDDV system will be closed. E-mail Jeff Greig (jeff.greig@ct.gov) with questions about the SDDV review.

The SDDV system allows DTCs to check and make changes to demographic data for students who took the 2015 CMT and CAPT Science. District Test Coordinators also have the opportunity to verify students' test status (i.e., valid score, absent, left blank). The 2015 CMT and CAPT Student Demographic Data Verification Review document provides guidelines for this review process. As a reminder, DTCs are responsible for reviewing data for students who attended the district's schools and students who were outplaced (i.e., Approved Private Special Education Programs, Judicial Juvenile Residential Service Facilities, and districtwide special education programs) during the science testing window (March 2 - 27, 2015).